

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Carpentier, et al.)	
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Application No.: 10/729,035)	Confirmation No. 2075
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Filing Date: December 5, 2003)	
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T.C./A.U.: 3738)	
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Examiner: David J. Isabella)	
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For: FLEXIBLE HEART VALVE AND ASSOCIATED)	
CONNECTING BAND)	
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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 5, 2006, please see the amendments and remarks below.

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